

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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*Life is God's Gift to You-*  
*WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD*

### CHOOSE TO STAY PURE!

If you could discover the six ingredients to living lives that please God and make Him proud and happy that He gave us life and this great land to live in-- would you want to know them? Well, your search is over, because we are presenting all six of these great truths to live by right here! At the top of the list was gaining victory over anger. Next comes sexual purity.

*Teenagers—this one's for you. Our prayer is that you learn something right here, before you go experimenting and get into a mess you'll regret the rest of your lives.*

The Bible has a lot to say about sexuality. In fact, God thinks it's great! Did you realize that God made sex? It is one of his favorite gifts designed to unite husbands and wives and build loving families. Oh, don't think God doesn't know sex is exceedingly pleasurable fun. My yes, He planned it that way. But, when sexuality is aroused before it is time, what was designed to bring great pleasure brings instead obsession, addiction & heartache. The Bible explains that: *Our bodies were not made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies* [1 Corinthians 6:13]

Even if others say just do whatever feels good, that's not what God says. Rather than giving our bodies to whoever comes along talking sweet talk, we are to save ourselves for the one we marry. The Lord cares about these bodies of ours, He made them and gave them to us as a gift. Our part is to save the gift of our body for the one person who promises in marriage to be our life partner. No one would give their family inheritance away to just anyone, it is preserved for family. In the same way, we guard our sexuality....*Don't you know that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? The scripture says the two are united into one.* [1 Corinthians 6:16] The Bible says that when we have sexual relations with another person we become part of that person. How then can we give our whole selves to a marriage partner if we have already given part of ourselves away?

*Because I won a lot of races in my racing career and was popular with fans, hero worship led some girls to throw themselves at me. Since it was easy to be sexually immoral I yielded to the temptation. I have felt dirtied by it every since. Please learn from my experiences that while the pleasure of immoral sex lasts a moment the guilt hangs around for a lifetime.--Natz*

*“Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body”* [1 Corinthians 6:18]. The Bible says R-U-N. Don't think about it, don't discuss it, just get away from sexual sin, fast! Yes, it's hard to **say no**. Ask God to help you. He will. He loves you and he doesn't want you hurt.

Remember that our bodies were made for the Lord. How we take care of them is either pleasing or displeasing to God. Life is God's gift to You—What you do with it CAN be your gift to God.